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SUBJECT: FINNISH POSITION ON NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE

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1. I MET JUNE 1 WITH MFA UNDER STATE SECRETARY ILONIEMI AND JUNE 2 WITH ENGINEER MAKIPENTTI OF ENERGY DEPT. OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO PRESENT REVISED PAPER PER REFTEL. I SAID US INTERESTED IN FINNISH COMMENTS: HOWEVER, NEITHER WAS ABLE GIVE SUBSTANTIVE REPLY. BOTH NOTED GOF SYMPATHETIC TO NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES BUT SAID SEVERAL DIFFERENT AGENCIES MUST BE CONSULTED.

2. MAKIPENTTI SAID TECHNICAL ADVICE ON US PROPOSAL MADE EARLIER WAS BEING SOLICITED FROM STATE RESEARCH CENTER. FIVE-MAN ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL (CHAired BY HEAD OF ENERGY DEPT. AND INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOREIGN
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MINISTRY, BANK OF FINLAND, STATE RESEARCH CENTER, AND THE ELECTRIC POWER ORGANIZATION EKONO) PROBABLY WOULD BE ASKED CONSIDER MATTER WHEN TECHNICAL REPORT IN. MAKIPENTTI HOPED FINNISH REACTION COULD BE READY BEFORE JUNE 24 WHEN MOST OF COUNTRY EMBARKS ON LONG SUMMER VACATION.

3. MAKIPENTTI GUESSED THAT FINLAND MIGHT WANT TO TAKE PART IN STUDY OF RESEARCH AREA 10 AND BACK END OF FUEL CYCLE ESPECIALLY WASTE DISPOSAL. WASTE DISPOSAL WOULD BECOME ACUTE IN FINLAND BY 1990 AND IAE-SPONSORED NORDIC REGIONSL WASTE DISPOSAL CENTER STUDY LARGELY MARKING TIME.

4. MAKIPENTTI ALSO NOTED THAT OKILUOTO NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY PRIVATE CAPITAL USES SWEDISH DESIGN WITH DUAL CAPACITY BURN EITHER ENRICHED URANIUM OR PLUTONIUM. OTHERWISE, FINNISH NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANS FOR AT LEAST INTERMEDIATE TERM DO NOT INVOLVE PLUTONIUM.

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